

II. REMARKS

Two main embodiments now remain in the application:

- A) the noticeboard is in a subscriber terminal, whereby the noticeboard communicates with the radio means of the terminal in the coverage area around the terminal (claims 1, 30, 58); and
- B) the noticeboard is global, but the information provided by the noticeboard includes location information as metainformation, and the location information informs for which locations the noticeboard provides interesting information (claims 62, 87, 112).

In Emilsson, the critical passage is at page 2, lines 19-28, to which the Examiner is referring and asserting that it discloses the end of embodiment B (e.g., in claim 62: "... and the virtual noticeboard of the first device is arranged to include in the transmitted information location information as metainformation on the area within which the second device is located and for which second device the context in the virtual noticeboard of the first device is arranged"). This quoted passage in Emilsson is equal to claim 1 of Emilsson (suitably formulated):

- a) a system for distributing information relating to a geographical location in which an information user is located,
- b) a computer-based data base containing information relating to said geographic area,
- c) location means are provided for routing information to user terminals located in a particular geographic area,
- d) data means are provided for:

d1) identifying local information relating to said particular geographical area, and

d2) transmitting

d21) either, data relating to the location of said local information, or

d22) said local information itself, to a user terminal

Explanation: To the user is transmitted either data relating to the location of local information (= d21) or the local information itself (= d22). Data relating to the location of local information maybe an http address for a local information server containing the local information. Thus, Emilsson does not disclose embodiment B of the present invention, wherein the noticeboard is global, but the information provided by the noticeboard includes location information as metainformation, and the location information informs for which locations the noticeboard provides interesting information. In Emilsson (see point c above), information is routed to user terminals located in a particular geographic area, i.e., Emilsson does not disclose a global noticeboard needing location information as metainformation as recited in the last paragraph of claims 62 and 112. Thus the rejection of claims 62-86 and 112 under 35 U.S.C. 102 on Emilsson should be withdrawn.

Further, since the above features are not suggested by this reference, these claims are unobvious over it.

Pass discloses a solution (see Fig. 1), wherein a wireless device 1 (= a pager, a portable computer using wireless e-mail, or a mobile telephone using wireless e-mail) connects to a wireless server 2. Through the wireless server 2 online services (such as

online stock trading services) 4 may be used with a web page 3. As can be seen from Fig. 1, wireless device 1 may be movable, but the wireless server 2 is fixedly connected via a webot (= web robot) 6 to a database 5 and the online service 4. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the Examiner's assertion that the wireless server 2 of Pass is a portable terminal (as in embodiment A) is therefore incorrect. Pass discloses a normal client/server solution, where the client is the wireless terminal and the server is a server computer fixedly connected to a fixed network, and where the server computer includes a communication unit enabling a wireless connection with the client (see paragraphs 0042 and 0043 of Pass, for example). The purpose of the invention in Pass is "to disclose an interactive, wireless devices to on-line system, where a wireless device user can directly submit input information into a web page" (sic).

Thus even if Pass is combined with Emilsson, the result is not the present invention. Hence the rejection of claims 1, 9, 11-30, 37, 39-58 and 87-11 under 35 U.S.C. 103 over this reference combination should be withdrawn.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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